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NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Gulten. Welcome, everyone, esteem GAC colleagues, and honor guests. It is with a profound honor and deep appreciation that I welcome you to the opening ceremony, the opening plenary of the ICANN84 meeting in the beautiful city and beautiful and historically of Dublin as we gather here today.

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By the way, a decade after ICANN last convened, here we are reminded of Ireland's timeless legacy as a crucible of resilience, innovation, and global dialogue. Dublin is a city where ancient traditions intertwine with modern digital dynamism, and it has long been a beacon of cultural and intellectual brilliance.

We stand on the shoulders of giants who shaped not only Ireland's destiny, but also the course of human progress, let me say. So, let's draw inspiration from historical figures like Jonathan Swift, the satirical visionary and author of *Gulliver's Travels*, one of my favorites when I was a kid, by the way, who's sharp wit challenged the status quo and championed justice.

I can also mention Constance Markievicz, a revolutionary leader, and the first woman, by the way, elected to the British Parliament whose courage redefined equality in politics, or James Joyce, a literary pioneer whose masterpieces like *Ulysses* transformed modern literature and celebrated the human spirit in all its complexity.

Let me also mention Oscar Fingal of Flaherty *Wheels Wild*, also known as Oscar Wild. Born in Westland Road, correct me if I'm wrong, right here in Dublin on October 16th, 1854, who I guess needs no introduction. So, their legacy somehow echo our own mission just to forge a digital future rooted in creativity, inclusivity, and unwavering principle. So, as we mark ICANN's return to Dublin after 10 years, we confront a pivotal moment for the domain name system.

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Our agenda this week will be addressing critical frontiers, demand collective wisdom and satisfaction like the next round of gTLDs. I don't need to get into details. But there, we basically must balance innovation on the one hand with robust safeguards or guardrails on the other hand.

We'll also be dealing with DNS abuse, mitigation, ensuring the security and integrity of the Internet's infrastructure. WHOIS registration data reforms, basically harmonizing transparency with privacy imperatives. And we'll also allocate time for the GAC strategic planning, basically refining our governance to meet evolving global challenges.

And of course, there are many other topics as per the block schedule already circulated to all the distinguished GAC representatives. So, these discussions are not married technical, they're foundational to a trusted, open, and equitable internet for all.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the Irish government, our gracious hosts, and Mr. Ian Price, Ireland's GAC representative for their exceptional hospitality. So, your dedication embodies the warmth and collaborative spirit of this nation. So thank you so much for that, Ian.

So to all my distinguished GAC colleagues joining us in person or online, let me just tell you, your expertise and commitment are invaluable. Together, let's seize this opportunity to advance

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policies that reflect our shared vision for a digital world anchored in stability, innovation, and public interest above all.

So, welcome to Dublin everyone, let our dialogue here ignite progress for the next decade and beyond. Thank you so much. Now, let me give the floor to our distinguished colleague from Ireland, Ian Price, the floor is yours.

IAN PRICE

Thanks, Nico, and thanks for being able to cover much more Irish history effectively and quickly than I probably could. So, thank you for that. So, good morning, everyone here in Dublin and good morning, afternoon and evening esteemed GAC colleagues wherever you are, if you're online, it's a delight to welcome you here to the convention center in Dublin. It's an honor for us to welcome you here, but I think it's first a right to just express the sympathies with colleagues Noman who put tireless work to host this event. We hope that we can do justice to the work you put into that. We're fortunate that ICANN managed to find a home in Dublin so quickly, and it's truly an honor to be able to host a meeting you this magnitude here.

We'd also like to thank the host organization INEX, who stepped in at the last minute and have put a huge amount of work with ICANN to organize the meeting. It's a landmark year for internet governance, both globally and here in Ireland, and that makes it even more special that ICANN have decided to host their AGM here.

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It's one of their official stops on the WSIS+20 proprietary process roadmap, which really shows that ICANN is such an early forum for vital discussions. Here in Ireland, we're delighted to have our first national internet government forum earlier this year. Moving forward, such fascinating and important discussions and creating dialogues between stakeholders from all areas of society, truly in the vein of the multi-stakeholder model of internet governance, of which ICANN is a superb example.

And on a personal level, I would like to be here for my first public meeting, having just joined the area about six months ago, so, I'll try and leave you with a traditional Irish phrase of, Céad Míle Fáilte, or a hundred thousand welcomes. We hope you have a fantastic engaging and interesting time here in Dublin with us. Thank you. Thanks, Nico.

NICO CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Ian. If we can move to the next slide, please, Gulten. So, this is just a quick review of the session agenda. After the welcoming speech, we'll be reviewing some meeting logistics. And then right after that we'll have the table or however you pronounce that, in-person and then for remote GAC participants. And then we'll talk about some notable GAC transitions and activity highlights, including elections and some other important topics of course. And then if time permits, we'll have a short review of the GAC communicate development process. Not sure we'll actually

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get there given the fact that the table usually takes some time, but we'll see how it goes.

Next slide please, Gulten. So, before we go ahead with the introductions and the table, there are some notable agenda highlights I would like to mention at this point. As everybody knows, this is an AGM, an Annual General Meeting, that's in terms of the meeting format. As I said during my welcoming speech, we'll be talking mainly about the next the new gTLD neck round issues, DNS abuse, registration, data accuracy, and many other specific topics.

We'll also not only talk about the GAC strategic and annual plan, but also endorsing them if possible today, again, depending on the time, but we have allocated enough time, so that should be okay. We'll also talk about the RORs or Review of Reviews, yet another acronym for the ICANN ecosystem. Not only with the GAC, but also with the full ICANN community, as you will probably have seen.

And then in terms of bilateral meetings with other constituencies, we'll have a meeting, of course, with the ICANN Board, with the ASO, ALAC, ccNSO, GNSO, NCSG, which stands for Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group. I don't think I need to translate to English all the acronyms at this point, and also the SSAC.

Also, we'll have a very interesting discussion and conversation. As a matter of fact, we have a visit by the WSIS+20 team, the co-facilitators are gonna be with us today as well. And then again, as I said, if time permits, we'll allocate some time to the communique

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drafting and some other very interesting evening networking events.

Next slide, please, Gulden. Let's take a look at the GAC block schedule. I don't need to get into details here because on the one hand, we already had two agenda setting calls with the full GAC, and on the other hand, the block schedule was circulated beforehand, like I would say 10 or 15 days ago. So, everybody should be familiar with the schedule at this point, but just for you to get a broader view of the week ahead. So, let me stop here in order to see if we have questions or anything before we go ahead with some meeting logistics for which I will give the floor to ICANN staff, sorry GAC staff.

But before I do that, is everything okay, any comments or questions regarding the block schedule or the agenda topics? This is a good time to say anything if there's anything to say. I don't see any hand up. Thank you so much. So, next slide, please, Gulden. So, in terms of meeting logistics, I don't know if you want me to go ahead with this Rob or if you will go ahead. Ah, it will be Gulden. All right. Gulden, the floor is yours. Please go ahead.

GULTEN TEPE

Thank you, Nico. As usual, I'll provide a brief overview of the logistics and details regarding some technical capabilities. Please make sure that you have updated your version of Zoom and all the features are available to you. If you're experiencing an issue, it might be related to an outdated version of the Zoom application,

so please remember to update your Zoom before the sessions. Otherwise, it might disrupt your connection to the sessions.

There's an icon on Zoom toolbar that says interpretation. You may click on this icon in order to select the language of your choice from the menu. As I also stated during the roll call, we have six UN language and Portuguese available. To view the real time transcription, you may click on the show caption button in the Zoom toolbar. Link to live scribes published on ICANN meetings website during the sessions. Please remember to sign into Zoom platform using your full name.

There's a rename function available on Zoom participants section, so it is possible to do that by hovering over your name on attendee list and rename. Present here with us in Dublin or joining remotely, all attendees should raise hand via Zoom. It would help our chair, Nico, to manage the queue.

And regarding the calendar mutations, if you recall, I shared invites for each GAC session earlier this week. You may want to check those invites as you would find links to GAC website and ICANN meetings page for each respective session. I will not be updating the calendar mutations with Zoom links as this is advised by our ENIT team. So, please check the ICANN meetings page to access the remote connection details 24 hours before each session.

And under introduction part on the ICANN84 agenda page on GAC website, you may find very valuable resources, materials, and reports as well. GAC logistics document is one of them and you may



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want to review this reference guide if you're a new or experienced GAC participant. I'll be sharing the link in the chat so you can take a peek.

And a couple of notes for in-person attendees, seats at the table with microphones are only for GAC delegation members. Other community members are always welcome to join the GAC sessions, but we would much appreciate if they could take the seats on the back of the room and leaving the seats on the tables to GAC community members.

Seats will be reserved in front row for some sessions including the joint meetings with ICANN Board, GNSO, so on. And circulation of written materials in GAC room is not allowed. Moving to health and safety protocols. Mask wearing while indoor is by your choice, and more details on health and safety measures are outlined on ICANN meeting's website. And with that, I would leave the floor back to you, Nico.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Gulten. So there we go. Thank you for those housekeeping details, Gulten. By the way, and this is for the vice chairs and for Ian here, I already moved my diplomatic contacts in order to get us some tea and water, so no worries. That was you, I guess. Mute the microphone.

So at this point, we're gonna go ahead with the introductions, the tour de table. I'll basically open the floor, it's a very simple for the

new GAC representatives. I open the floor to representatives and delegations and you basically introduce yourself, the ministry or the department within the government for which you work and anything you would like to add at this point.

Please try to make it short and sweet because otherwise it would take us two hours. So, we'll begin with a head table and then we'll go from left to right or whatever, and then we'll continue like that. So, Thiago, let's begin with you. Colombia, please go ahead.

THIAGO DAL TOE

So, I'll take the floor in Spanish, please. Anyone needs headsets? Good morning, everyone. My name is Thiago Dal Toe, and I'm the Colombian representative at GAC, and I'm the vice chair as well. It's a pleasure to see you all because I have seen many familiar faces from previous meetings and I would like to thank the country, the government of Ireland to receive us in this beautiful city with a very good weather, even though it's a bit cold, but the sun is shining. So, I'm really very interested in following all the meetings we are going to have here, as well, the advances that we have made in our action plan. So, I'm available to you all. Thank you very much.

IAN PRICE

Good morning. My name's Ian Sheldon, I'm the Australian GAC representative. Just wanted to thank my gracious Ireland government hosts for welcoming us here in this lovely city and very much looking forward to a productive and collegiate meeting with

you all here across the week. Thanks. So, Ian Price from the Irish government department of Cultural Communications and Sport. Lucky to have you all here with us. I'm looking forward to working with you and other members of the team here who will introduce themselves as we go around. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Ian. So I'll go ahead in Spanish as well, given the fact that Spanish is my native tongue. So, I would like to thank once again the government of Ireland, to Ian and his team for the hospitality, for the benefit of the new 32 delegate state of GAC. My name is Nico Caballero, so I'm the GAC Chair. I was reelected. I'm not convinced that you did a good election, but I was reelected as a matter of fact, in Prague, the meeting in June for another term.

So I would like to welcome you all, and I agree with what my colleague from Columbia has said, it's quite a cold weather because we are coming from warmer weather. But anyway, I would like to welcome you all and myself and the vice chair are available to you whenever you would like to have a word with us during coffee breaks or in the isle at lunch. So, you may come to us and we'll find some solution to any problem that you may have. Thank you very much.

JORGE CANCIO

Thank you. I will express myself in French. Thank you. I will express myself in French. Hello everyone. My name is Jorge Cancio and I

am speaking in French because it is a national language in Swiss. I am the Swiss representative within GAC and I don't know if the choice was right again, but you did reelect me as Vice Chair of GAC and I am delighted to continue our work together in order to do the best that I can with a new round of gTLDs and to deal with the other matters that we have before us. Do not ever hesitate to come to me. I would be delighted to speak with you in Spanish and German, in English of course, as well as in French. Thank you very much.

CHRISTINE ARIDA

Thank you, everyone, and good morning, and I'll be introducing myself in Arabic. Thank you everyone, and good morning and I'll be introducing myself in Arabic. My name is Christine Arida and I work in the National Authority for Telecommunications Organization in Egypt and I represent Egypt in GAC. I welcome you all, especially my newcomers here in GAC, especially from Africa, this amazing continent.

And I'm here present if anyone would like to hand in anything, I am fully supporting everyone. I would like to extend my deep thanks for Ireland for hosting us and hopefully it'll be an excellent useful meeting. Thank you.

MARCO HOGEWONING

Good morning, colleagues. Dutch isn't part of the UN languages yet, so I'll be speaking in English. My name Marco Hogewoning, I work for the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and serving as one

of your GAC vice chairs. Likewise with Ian, very much appreciated the support for us to continue on a second term. Also, of course, many thanks to the Irish government and all the other Irish stakeholders for hosting us here.

I was thinking, I think the last time we were in Dublin, we were about to go into the IANA transition, and here we're about to start a next TLD root. You do know when to pick your meetings, but happy to be back in Dublin, and of course, looking forward to a very constructive and productive meeting this week. And if you have any questions, please come and find us. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Netherlands. So we'll continue with Netherlands on my left and then we'll go first left to right and then right to left and so on and so forth. Please go ahead, Netherlands.

MAAIKE VEENSTRA

Thank you, Nico. My name is Maaïke Veenstra and I also work for the Dutch Governments. It is great seeing you all today. I want to thank the Irish government for hosting this ICANN meeting and I'm looking forward to a productive week.

FINN PETERSEN

Thank you. Good morning, all. Finn Petersen from Denmark. Nice to be in Dublin again, and the weather is lovely compared with

Copenhagen, it was storming and raining yesterday, so nice to be here again. Thank you.

GEMMA CAROLILLO

Morning, everyone. Gemma Carolillo from the European Commission. Let me first thank our Irish hosts. It's great to be back on personal ground and professionally to see all of you. We were commenting with some colleagues that this is big, but it's a small world afterwards. After a while in ICANN, you become part of the family. So, just wish everyone a very productive meeting and I pass the floor to my colleague.

MARTINA BARBERO

Good morning, European Commission as well. Martina Barbero, glad to be back.

DALE BUTTFIELD

Good morning. My name is Dale Buttfield and I'm a member of the Australian delegation.

ANA NEVES

Ana Neves here. Hello. Good morning in Portuguese. I'm Ana Neves, representative of Portugal in the GAC, and I thank our Irish colleagues for receiving us in Dublin. I hope we have a very collegial meeting that many representatives of GAC will talk. I hope it will not be a technical meeting, but that will focus on the issues GAC must discuss. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO                      Thank you very much, Portugal. We'll continue over there. We'll go right to left now. Please go ahead, Davide.

DAVIDE COLUCCINI                      Good. Good morning, all. My name is Davide Coluccini, and I am the representative of the Vatican City State.

DAVID BEDARD                      Good morning, everyone. My name is David Bedard from Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada. It's great to see everybody. I want to thank our Irish colleagues for hosting us in Dublin and it's great to be here. And wishing everybody a productive meeting this week. Thank you.

SER PHENG QUEH                      Good morning, everybody. My name is Ser Pheng, I'm from the Infocom Development Authority of Singapore. I remember 10 years ago, Dublin was the first ICANN meeting also. Thank you, Dublin. Thank you to the Irish government for hosting us again. Look forward to our productive meeting this week. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL                      Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. My name is Manal Ismail. I represent Egypt along with my colleague,

Christine Arida. And thanks to our Irish colleagues for bringing us back here to the lovely city of Dublin. Thank you.

ZEINA BOU HARB

Good morning, everyone. My name is Zeina Bou Harb. I'm the alternate representative of Lebanon. I'm the head of International Cooperation at OGERO Telecom, which is a public institution under the umbrella of the Ministry of Telecom, and I'm happy to be here in Ireland for the first time. Thank you.

HAZEM HEZZAH

Good morning. My name is Hazem Hezzah. I'm representing the League of Arab States and I'm glad to be here in Dublin for the first time.

CRAIG STANLEY-ADAMSON

Morning, everybody. My name is Craig Stanley-Adamson. I'm the head of internet governance for the UK Department of Science, Innovation, and Technology. Despite having oversight of the ICANN portfolio for the past year, this is actually my first time sitting in the UK GAC chair, which is fantastic. Huge thank you again also to the Irish government for hosting this meeting. I actually had the pleasure of being here last year about this time for the IETF as well in this very building. Thank you again.



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ESTHER JAROMITSKI

Thank you, everyone. My name is Dr. Esther Jaromitski. I'm very glad to be here. Thank you to the Irish government for hosting us, and I wish everyone a very productive week and also on the UK government team. Thank you.

RUDY NOLDE

Good morning, everyone. My name is Rudy Nolde and I'm the German GAC representative. I work for the German Federal Ministry for Digital Transformation and Government Modernization. And I would like to thank the Irish government for welcoming us to this wonderful city of Dublin, and wish everyone a productive meeting. Thank you.

PAR BRUMARK

Good morning. My name is Pär Brumark representing the government of Niue, it's great to be in Dublin again. It was 10 years ago since we were here the last time. The weather is the same, but I would like to thank the Irish government and all of Dublin for hosting us.

SAUDA HADZOVIC

Good morning, my name Suada Hadzovic, I am GAC representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and I would like to thank the Irish government for welcoming us. It's nice to be here.

CLAUDINE KARIGER

Good morning. I'll talk in French because it is the official language of administration in Luxembourg. My name is Claudine Kariger. I work in the department in charge of media connectivity and digital policies at the state ministry and I am the GAC representative for Luxembourg.

MZIA GOGILASHVILI

Good morning, everybody. I'm Mzia Gogilashvili, and I represent Georgia, Communications Commission of Georgia, this is the regulatory authority. And of course, I'm very happy to be here again in Dublin. Thanks to Irish government and thanks to ICANN. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Georgia. Before we go to the back row over there, I see my distinguished colleague from India. So, would you like to go ahead before we move to the...

T. SANTHOSH

Thank you chair and good morning colleagues. I'm Santhosh from India, and I also thank the Irish government for having this meeting at Dublin. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, India. We'll continue on the left over there.

EOIN CARNEY

Hello. Good morning, everyone. I am Eoin Carney, I'm also part of the Irish GAC team, and also welcome everyone to Dublin. Looking forward productive meeting. Thank you.

KHALED ALTARHUNI

Good morning, everyone. My name is Khaled Altarhuni. I am from Libya. I represent GAC Libya. I am glad to be here and I'd like to thank Irish government for hosting the ICANN meeting. Thank you.

ESAU TUPOU

Good morning, everyone. I'm Esau Tupou from the government of Tonga, the alternative GAC. Happy to be here in Ireland for the first time. Thank you.

ASHWIN

SASONGKO

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Good morning, everyone. My name is Ashwin Sasongko from Indonesia GAC member. Thank you.

LUCAS PRETRE

Good morning, everyone. I will speak in French. Good morning, everyone. My name is Lucas Prêtre, I'm delighted to be among you. I'd like to thank our host. I work at the federal Office for communication and I'm a member of the Swiss delegation at GAC. I'm a telecom engineer, I mostly deal with the .ch and the .swiss ccTLDs. I'm delighted to be here with you and I wish you all a very good day.

LUKAS CHRISTOPHER FÜEG

Yes, hello, everyone. My name is Lukas Füeg. I'm with the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland. So, member of the GAC delegation, Switzerland. Actually, my first ICANN meeting, so yeah, I'm happy to be here, and thanks to the Irish government and Dublin, the host city of the event. And yeah, I'm a legal advisor in the division of post services and communications for the office, and I'm looking forward to the week and getting to know some people and participate in the discussions.

VINCENT NGUNDI

Good morning. My name is Dr. Vincent Ngundi from Kenya. I'm the Director for Cyber Security of the ICT regulator and I'm also the GAC representative for Kenya. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the government of Ireland for hosting the ICANN meeting once again. And my colleagues and I are happy to be here and we look forward to fruitful deliberations. Thank you.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA

Morning, everyone. I'm Shamsuzzoha, one of the GAC representatives from Bangladesh and I work for the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, that is the authority for Telecom ICT and Internet in Bangladesh.

For the last couple of years, I have been active in GAC and this is my, before the Seattle meeting, so this is the second meeting this year that I'm attending here physically. So, I specially thank the Irish

government for hosting this event within the short notice. So, looking forward to have a good cooperation and work in the capital. Thank you.

EMMANUEL GABSA

Good morning, everyone. I'm called Gabsa Emmanuel. I'm from Cameroon. I'm a GAC representative from Cameroon. I'm happy to be here for the first time and I'm eager to have a fruitful week in Ireland. Thank you.

JOSE LAY

Good morning. I'll be speaking in Portuguese. Good morning, good evening. I'm Jose Lay. I'm the representative of Timor-Leste. Thank you.

GUE FENG

Hello, my name is Guo Feng from China. Happy to be here and happy to meet all of you. Thank you.

MYO SWE

Good morning, everyone. My name is Myo Swe, the GAC representative of Myanmar, and I am the Deputy Director General, Posts and Telecommunications Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar. I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to attend this meeting and I wish you a productive and successful meeting. Thank you very much.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Myanmar. We'll continue on the ride right there with Argentina.

MARINA FLEGO EIRAS

Thank you, Nico. Good morning, everyone. I'm going to speak in Spanish. I'm Marina Flego Eiras, I'm the alternate representative of the Argentine Republic before the GAC and I'm official of the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Argentina. Let me begin by thanking our Irish host for having us in this beautiful city that is so relevant for the digital ecosystem. I am profoundly honored to be among you today and I hope we have a productive meeting with deliberations and discussions. Thank you.

BO MARTINSSON

Good morning. My name is Bo Martinsson, representing Sweden. It's great we're back here in Dublin again.

ANDREAS DLAMINI

Good morning, Chair and everyone in the room. My name is Andreas Dlamini, I am the GAC representative of the Kingdom of Eswatini. I work for the minister of ICT there. I'm delighted to be here attending the GAC meeting after a long absence, and I'm looking forward to fruitful deliberations as we go throughout the week. May I point out, Chair, that I'm a bit concerned about the

temperature in the room. Not sure if we'll make it to lunch before some of us catch a flu. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you for that. We'll try to make sure to adjust the temperature. Thank you. Please go on.

SHERNON OSEPA

Good morning to all. My name is Shernon Osepa. I'm representing the Caribbean Telecommunications Union and I'm also looking for fruitful deliberations, especially when it relates to small island development states of which we are part of. Thank you very much.

SUSAN CHALMERS

Good morning and thank you to our Irish hosts. My name is Susan Chalmers, I lead the governance team at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which sits within the US Department of Commerce. I'm the GAC representative for the United States.

OWEN FLETCHER

Good morning, I'm Owen Fletcher. I'm the GAC alternate representative for the United States.

PEARL RISBERG

Morning, everyone. I'm Pearl Risberg, I am also from NTIA and supporting the team.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, USA. The row right behind you, can you continue there on the left?

AMINA RAMALLAN

Good morning, everyone. My name is Amina Ramallan. I'm part of the GAC representatives for Nigeria. I work for the Nigerian Communications Commission, which is the telecoms regulatory body in Nigeria. Thank you.

IBISO KINGSLEY-GEORGE

Good morning, everyone. My name is Ibis Kingsley-George from the Nigerian Communications Commission. I'm Amina's colleague, and we're here to represent our country. Thank you.

KLAUS PARRER

Good morning, everyone. My name is Klaus Parrer, I'm the GAC representative of the Republic of Austria. I work as the head of department responsible for telecommunications and internet issues in the ministry responsible for telecommunications. And I'm happy to be back in Dublin and looking forward to productive meeting. Thank you.



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CHINA                      Good morning, everyone. My name's [00:39:14 - inaudible], I'm the GAC representative of China. I'm with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China. It's great to be here. Thank you.

CHINA                      Good morning, Chair. Good morning, everyone. I'm also a Chinese GAC representative of China. I'm glad to attend the meeting and thank Irish government for holding the wonderful meeting. Thank you.

CHINA                      Hello, everyone. My name is [00:39:44 - inaudible]. I come from China. I'm affiliated with the China Internet Network information Center. Thank you.

ABOUBAKRY KANE                      Good morning, everyone. My name is Aboubakry Kane from Senegal and I'm representing the Regulatory Authority of Telecommunication and Post, where I serve as head of emerging technology and strategic watch. So, I'm really interested in the following all the meeting we're going to have. Happy to be in this wonderful city of Dublin. Thank you.

ABDALMONEM GALILA                      Yes, this is Abdalmonem Galila. I am the GAC alternative representative for Egypt. I am working for the National Telecom Regulatory Authority of Egypt as Director of Numbering Affairs.

This is my second time here in Dublin. Thank you very much for the Irish government and for ICANN to select such a beautiful city of Ireland, Dublin. Thank you.

ANTOINE BARBRY

Hello, everyone. Antoine Barbry, I represent the international French speaking organization. I am based in Geneva. I would like to congratulate ICANN for all of its efforts towards multilingual meetings, especially during this tour de table. I would like to thank Jorge for being the first one to express himself in a different language. Thank you.

TOMONORI MIYAMOTO

Morning, everyone. My name is Tomonori Miyamoto from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan. And I thank the Irish government for hosting this meeting, and I look forward to having a productive week, and also I look forward to enjoying this city. Thank you.

JAPAN

Good morning, everyone. This is [00:42:03 - inaudible] from Japan. This is my first ICANN meeting. I'm looking forward to the week. Thank you.

INAKI GIL OSES

Good morning, everybody. I will speak in Spanish. Hello, I'm Iñaki Gil, representative of Spain at GAC and I work in the Ministry of

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Digital Transition. It's my first ICANN meeting, so I'm willing to understand the dynamics and to collaborate in the work of the committee as much as possible.

KEN-YING TSENG

Good morning, everyone. My name is Ken-Ying Tseng, I'm GAC representative Chinese Taipei. Happy to meet all friends and new friends once again at GAC meetings.

WENG-FONG TSEN

Good morning, everyone. My name is Wen-Fong Tsen, and I'm the GAC representative from Chinese Taipei. Glad to be here for the first time and thank the Irish government for hosting this meeting. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much, Chinese Tapei. Is there anybody behind you that belongs to the GAC? I saw Tracy. Oh, there you go. Go ahead. Just grab a microphone and introduce yourself, please.

KRISTINA HAKOBYAN

Good morning, everyone. My name is Kristina Hakobyan and I'm an advisor to Armenia representation. And wish everybody a productive meeting. Thank you very much.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much, Kristina. Anybody else in the room that didn't have the chance to introduce himself or herself so far? I saw Tracy Hackshaw from the UPU walking around, but I don't see him anymore. So, all right, thank you very much. We'll continue with the introductions online. Let's go ahead with Gloria from Uganda. Please go ahead.

KATUUKU GLORIA

Morning everyone. I'm happy to be joining you online. My name is Katuuku Gloria. I'm the GAC representative for Uganda, and I would like to take the opportunity to serve as one of the GAC Vice chairs, it's an honor, and I'm looking forward to learning as I joined the team that has been before me. Thank you very much.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you, Gloria. Yuriy, please go ahead. The floor is yours.

YURIY MATSYK

Morning, colleagues. My name is Yuriy Matsyk, Director General of Broadband Infrastructure Development of the Ministry of Digital Transformational, Ukraine. I'm leading our national broadband and resilience initiatives, making sure Ukraine's internet stays connected under any conditions. It's a pleasure to join the GAC and contribute to the discussion on connectivity, security, and future proof internet governance. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much. Next, I have the Russian Federation.

VIACHESLAV EROKHIN

Good morning, colleagues. My name is Viacheslav Erokhin. I am alternative GAC representative of Russian Federation. I'm working for Russian research center in the field of ICT and we support Russian Ministry of Digital Development, Communication, and Mass Media with technical expertise, consultancy, as well as support of participation in international organization. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you very much Russian Federation. I have Niger next.

KAMMIRI SOUROUMPO

Hello, everyone. I am Kammiri Souroumpo. I work with the presidency and I represent Niger at the GAC. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much. Anybody in the room who didn't have the chance to introduce himself or herself? Nobody. Okay, I don't see anybody else online, Gulten, unless you tell me. Otherwise, we can-- okay. Thank you so much. So, we'll move ahead with the-- we still have 10 minutes. So, let me refer to-- right after the tour de table.

Some notable GAC transitions, as I said before, we're welcoming 32, as a matter of fact, yeah, new GAC delegates since ICANN83 back in Prague. That's a lot. 32 new representatives. Welcome,

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welcome everyone. That makes up 184 GAC members and 41 observers.

Just a quick reminder as well, please, do join the mailing list, and you have the address right there on the screen, it's [gac@icann.org](mailto:gac@icann.org), sorry, [joingac@icann.org](mailto:joingac@icann.org), where basically we have already developed a new ticketed ticketing system for updates and other housekeeping details. So, please remember to do that.

And by the way, let me also thank you, give a big thanks to the incoming GAC vice chairs. Their new terms will begin after ICANN85 in Mumbai, India in March next year. But they were not elected, but acclaimed, I would say, as of today. And they are Ian Sheldon from Australia, Ian to my right, this is Ian Sheldon from Australia, and this is for the benefit of the new GAC representatives.

Zeina Bou Harb, would you please stand up so that people can see you? Thank you so much. Zeina from Lebanon. Marco Hogewoning from the Netherlands to my left. Then we have Jorge Cancio from Switzerland, also to my left. And Gloria Katuuku from Uganda. Is she in the room? Ah, she was online. I'm sorry. So, a big welcome.

Thank you so much. Thank you for stepping forward, really appreciated and needed, by the way. So, they will be officially seated, as I said before, right after ICANN85 in Mumbai. Next slide, please, Gulten. So, for this activity highlights, I don't know, Rob, if you would like to go ahead with the details or you want me to go,

I'm okay either way, but you're more than welcome to provide some recent deck activity highlights if you would like to go ahead.

ROBERT HOGGARTH

Thank you. Thank you, Nico. The slide speaks for itself, so please, all enjoy reading it and reveling in the success of the last period. A tremendous amount of work and contributions from the GAC leadership as well as many of you within the committee and working groups. So, thanks very much for that.

Nico, I think in terms of time available for this session, and given several new members joining for this meeting, maybe the last five minutes, you and Fabien do a very quick review of, well, just a heads up, if you will, of the communique process here over the next few days. Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much for that, Rob. You actually read my mind. And I see Tracy now. Tracy, you forgot to introduce yourself, but everybody knows you, so, we're okay. This is Tracy Hackshaw from the UPU for the record. So, we still have five minutes, and for that, next slide, please, Gulten. We'd like to quickly review the communique development so that everybody-- so we're on the same page basically, again, especially for the new GAC representatives. And for that, I will give the floor to Fabien Betremieux. Fabien, the floor is yours.

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FABIEN BETREMIEUX

Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, my name is Fabien Betremieux from the GAG support team. Given that there are a few newcomers, I think it's worthy of going through this explanation. We only have four minutes, so I will stick to very high-level information and we can delve into the process a bit more when we meet again regarding the communique on Tuesday at the end of the day. So, what's important to know is what the communique is, the GAC communique.

The GAC communique is one of the key output of a GAC meeting. And it's a document in which the GAC reflects its deliberation, its engagement with other ICANN community group, internal GAC activities, and also where the GAC states its issues of importance. And so, what the GAC believes is important to know on the priority issues for the GAC and the priority issues and policy issues at ICANN.

And it also includes GAC consensus advice to the ICANN Board if the committee determines that it is needed. This is consistent with provision in the ICANN bylaws that are specific to the GAC, which call for the possibility for the GAC to issue consensus advice that the Board must consider and potentially engage with the GAC about, should there be concerns with that advice.

And so, we'll refer to the bylaws more specifically when we talk about this. And so, this is not in the output of a GAC meeting. It's a key output. Another document that you may be interested to be aware and review after a meeting is the GAC meeting minutes



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where GAC support team records the substance of the GAC deliberation.

So, the communicate does not include all those deliberations, that's the purpose of the minutes. The communicate reports specifically on the most important aspects of the deliberations in addition to statements on issues of importance and potential GAC consensus advice. What you see on the screen is the entire process of communicate development, which has three phases. Communicate preparation phase, before the meeting, communicate drafting phase, during the meeting, and communicate review period, after the meeting.

And I guess I'll leave you with this key message, which is that during the meeting, it's already started before the meeting, but the communicate document is open for your consideration and potential input. What we request is that as GAC member, you engage potentially with GAC topic leads on issues that you believe need to be reflected in the communicate so that we facilitate early discussion of issues among GAC members before we get to communicate drafting.

And that's in the interest of an effective and efficient communicate drafting process and all those sessions and ensure that we complete communicate drafting in the time we have allocated for it. I'll just mention in closing that there are a few topics that have already been identified for potential statements as issues of importance. And you may see that in the draft communicate.

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And I will send you an email right away, which has the link to the  
communique, so, please pay attention to that. So, among those  
issues, there are currently Applicant Support Program  
Implementation and outreach as one of the topics for issues of  
importance, early warning procedure for the next round of new  
gTLDs, and I believe there's also ongoing discussions of registration  
data in DNS abuse.

These are usual topics that feature in the communique. And topic  
leads on those two last issues are currently collaborating to share  
potentially some consideration, initial consideration for the  
communique. And with that, I'll just stop here and we will talk  
about this again in more details on Monday at the end of the day.  
Thank you.

NICOLAS CABALLERO

Thank you so much for that Fabien, very detailed explanation.  
We'll have time to talk about that as well during the next session,  
the strategic planning session, which will come right after the  
coffee break. By the way, we'll have a coffee break right now from  
10:00 AM to 10 30, and I'm sure there's very good coffee in Dublin,  
that's for sure. I already got some good tea.

So, in terms of housekeeping, the rest of the day, we'll be  
discussing from 10:30 to 12:00, as I said before, the GAC strategic  
planning, then we'll have a lunch break. And then we'll start with  
two of the capacity building sessions, session number one and  
session number two, I don't need to get into the details. You have

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them on the block schedule. And then, the very last session of the day at 4:30 PM will be our discussion on new gTLDs next round, the first of two sessions.

So, before we close at this point, Ian, or any of my distinguished vice chairs, do you have any closing remarks? Anything you would like to mention at this point? The floor is yours in case you want to do so. No. All good. Okay, so thank you so much. Enjoy coffee. We'll reconvene at 10:30. Thank you so much.

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